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LOW-INTEREST LOANS HELP UTAHNS WITH DISABILITIES

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Many people with disabilities need equipment or assistive technology that is very costly. Some cannot afford to purchase them and do without things that would make their lives easier or increase their independence.

The Utah Assistive Technology Foundation offers a solution for them.

UATF is a private, non-profit organization that works with Zions Bank to provide low-interest loans to people with disabilities who live in Utah. The UATF offers a variety of loan options, depending on the need of the applicant.

Examples of assistive technology loans ranging from \$500 to \$50,000 include: adapted vans, hearing aids, home/work modifications, braille equipment, scooters/wheelchairs, and modified computers.

UATF also offers agricultural loans to farmers with disabilities who may need equipment or adaptations in order to remain independent and productive.

Another loan option helps makes it possible for individuals with disabilities to work from their home. A telework loan may be approved for a qualified Utah resident with a disability to begin a new telework or telecommuting job for an employer, remain employed in an existing telework job, or to start or expand their own business.

Over the years, the UATF has been able to help hundreds of Utahns with disabilities of all ages obtain loans and grants to purchase the assistive technology that allows them to be independent, productive and successful at home, at school, at work and in the community.

UATF changes lives:

"We were so excited when we learned of this funding source and that our bathroom modifications would qualify for funding. What a lifesaver! We love how it has improved our son's life! Thank you!"

"I could not have come up with the money without this program. In fact, finances are why I have gone without hearing aids for at least 20 years."

To read about how a small UATF business loan helped out a family, go the the Utah Assistive Technology Program blog.

Independence is priceless. UATF can help make it affordable.

To find out more about how to apply for a UATF loan, visit their website.

UATF is part of the Utah Assistive Technology Program, an initiative of the CPD.